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TOWN OFFICERS—1878—1879.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and Board of Health:

TYLER THAYER,
GEORGE H. MORSE, J. EDWARD EVERETT.

Town Clerk:

FRANCIS TINKER.

Treasurer:

L. WALDO BIGELOW.

Collector:

GEORGE H. METCALF

School Committee:

Rev. JOSEPH P. BIXBY, Chairman, Term expires Mar., 1879.
C. WILLIS MORSE, " " 1880.
Rev. I. H. GILBERT, " " 1881.

Nov. 1st, appointed Rev. Theron Brown in place of I. H. Gilbert, resigned. Stillman C. Davis in place of C. Willis Morse, resigned.

Engineers of Fire Department:

GEORGE H. MORSE, Chief. E. E. SHUMWAY,
WILLIAM J. WALLACE, Clerk.

Auditors:

GEORGE EVERETT, MARCUS M. ALDEN,
CHARLES E. POND.

Constables:

SAMUEL HOWARD, SUMNER BAGLEY,
JOHN GILLOOLY.

Surveyors of Highways:

EDWIN A. MORSE, JOHN C. POND,
GEORGE H. MORRILL, N. A. JOHNSON,
JOHN E. HARTSHORN, WM. C. FISHER,
SYLVESTER HAWES, GEORGE H. MORSE.

Trustees of Public Library:

REV. THERON BROWN, REV. GEORGE HILL,
REV. J. P. BIXBY, S. C. DAVIS,
FRANCIS TINKER, CHARLES E. POND.

Fence Viewers:

JOHN C. POND, SUMNER BAGLEY,
JABEZ SUMNER,

Surveyors of Lumber:

ALBERT G. WEBB, FRANK A. FALES,
SUMNER BAGLEY.

Measurers of Wood and Bark:

ALBERT G. WEBB, CHARLES T. WHEELOCK.

Weighers of Coal and Hay:

GEORGE E. METCALF, GEORGE H. MORRILL,
A. C. SOUTHWORTH.

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

GEORGE KINGSBURY.

Field Drivers:

CHARLES H. PRATT, ISAAC COLBURN,
HENRY C. WOOD, G. A. P. BUCKMAN,
E. A. BRENNAN.

Pound Keeper:

HENRY N. FALES.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1878,

Which were raised by Tax.

Support of Schools,	$5,500 00
" Public Library,	300 00
Repair of Highways, Bridges, &c.,	2,100 00
" Walpole Street,	700 00
" Prospect Street,	200 00
" Mylod Street and Retaining Wall,	240 00
Building Howard Street Extension,	250 00
Widening Nahatan Street,	1,600 00
Removing Snow,	500 00
Fire Department,	1,400 00
Lighting Streets,	200 00
Support of Poor,	2,800 00
Care of Cemetery,	50 00
Salaries of Town Officers,	1,400 00
Printing and Stationery,	150 00
Rent,	100 00
Incidentals,	500 00
State Tax,	940 00
County Tax,	1,393 26
Overlayings,	122 18
Total,	$20,445 44

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the Town of Norwood, as required by the By-Laws of the Town, herewith present an account of moneys for which orders have been drawn on the Town Treasurer, during the year ending January 31st, 1879, together with the accounts of the Treasurer and Collector, with report of the Auditors thereon. Also the Vital Statistics of the Town for the year 1878.

SCHOOLS.

Everett School.

Paid Horace T. Atwood, for teaching 39 weeks, from Jan 25, 1878, to Jan. 24, 1879,			$1,205 75
Marion Endicott, for teaching 39 weeks, to Jan. 24, 1879,			441 74
Emma F. Wheelock,	"	"	463 75
S. Louisa Rhodes,	"	"	417 38
Maria L. Wheelock,	"	"	417 37
Carrie M. Morse,	"	"	390 50
A. Lizzie Park,	"	"	390 50
F. M. Cragin, supplies,			6 02
John Nugent, wood,			27 88
Jarvis Fairbanks, janitor,			289 65
L. W. Bigelow, insurance policies,			46 25
J. L. Hammett, supplies,			21 78
Ingalls & Kendricken, repairs,			104 80
C. Willis Morse, supplies,			38 91
Julia Conley, sweeping 13½ weeks,			20 25

Paid T. O. Metcalf & Co., printing,		3 50
George E. Metcalf, coal, 36 tons,		205 20
A. G. Whitcomb, desks and chairs,		66 29
W. W. Dexter, repairs,		31 02
William Gillooly, repairs,		35 77
Tyler Thayer, repairs,		125 41
Harvey L. Hayford, repairs on clocks and locks,		5 50
Woodward & Brown, 2 years' interest on piano,		42 00
Horace T. Atwood, sweeping,		40 00
Mrs. Leonard, washing,		94
J. E. Hartshorn, moving coal,		1 00
Warren Fisher, labor on yard,		1 50
Rand, Avery & Co., printing reports,		7 75
		$4,848 41
Total payment for teachers,	$3,726 99	
" " fuel,	234 08	
" " supplies,	77 96	
" " repairs,	370 29	
" " care of house,	350 00	
" " insurance,	46 25	
" " rent of piano,	42 00	
		$4,848 41

Balch School.

Paid Fanny N. Perkins, for teaching to Jan. 24, 1879, 39 weeks,	$424 50
Viola F. Littlefield, " 39 weeks,	390 50
F. M. Cragin, supplies,	1 00
George F. Force, janitor,	138 00
" " supplies and repairs,	20 55
C. W. Morse, " "	4 10
George E. Metcalf, coal, 6 tons,	39 00
	$1,017 65

Total payment for teachers,	$815 00	
" " supplies,	25 65	
" " fuel,	39 00	
" " janitor,	138 00	
		$1,017 65

Primary School.

Paid Lucy A. Guy, for teaching 39 weeks,	$390 50
George B. Talbot, rent,	230 00
Herbert A. Corbett, janitor,	40 25
George E. Metcalf, coal, 4 tons,	22 80
	$683 55

Recapitulation.

Total payment for teachers,	$4,932 49	
" " fuel,	295 88	
" " repairs,	379 29	
" " supplies,	103 61	
" " care of houses,	529 09	
" " rent,	230 00	
" " rent of piano,	42 00	
" " insurance,	46 25	
Paid E. Wheelock & Son, books for poor children,	19 58	
Town of Sharon, tuition of children,	50 00	
		$6,619 19
Appropriation,	$5,500 00	

ROADS.

Surveyors of Highways.

Paid E. A. Morse, repair of ways,	$250 75
John C. Pond, " "	250 25

Paid George H. Morse, repair of ways,	$249 85
Nathan A. Johnson, " "	341 42
George H. Morrill, " "	90 00
William C. Fisher, " "	313 12
Sylvester Hawes, " "	150 70
J. Edwin Hartshorn, " "	136 30
Lewis D. Ellis, balance 1877,	33 00
	$1,839 64

WALPOLE STREET.

Paid for 234 5-6 days' labor,	$352 25
Dennis McCarty, boy and horse,	46 20
Michael Burke, " "	29 25
John Fitzgerald, " "	21 75
William Cuff and horse,	12 00
John Nugent, boy and horses,	27 50
N. A. Johnson and horses,	28 50
Franklin Fisher and horse,	2 10
John Ellis, gravel,	2 96
Edwin Fisher, gravel,	25 50
Sidney E. Morse, sharpening tools,	5 79
George H. Morse, man and teams,	93 50
J. E. Everett, " "	95 00
Matthew Clay, blasting rocks,	9 35
Lyman Smith's Sons, gravel,	7 68
Total,	$759 33

Appropriation, $700 00

NAHATAN STREET.

Paid Joseph W. Roby, contract,	1500 00
Frederick Endicott, surveying,	28 00
Waldo Brothers, drain pipe,	6 69
Lyman Smith's Sons, gravel,	6 00
J. W. Roby, labor above contract,	78 95

Paid John Nugent, carting culvert stone,		$8 00
George P. Morey, stone for culvert,		22 50
		$1,650 14
Appropriation,	$1,600 00	

HOWARD STREET,

Paid Edwin A. Morse, contract,		$199 00
" " laying retaining wall,		25 50
		$224 50
Appropriation,	$250 00	

PROSPECT STREET.

Paid Edwin A. Morse, labor, as per bill,		$211 55
Matthew Clay, blasting rocks,		6 26
		$217 81
Appropriation,	$200 00	

HILL STREET.

Paid Joseph W. Roby, for labor, as per bill,		$219 08
Waldo Brothers, drain pipe,		20 56
George P. Morey, culvert stone,		13 12

No appropriation, ordered by County Commissioners.

MYLOD STREET.

Paid George H. Morse, contract,		$225 00
Appropriation,	$240 00	

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES ON STREETS AND CULVERTS.

DRAINAGE OF MONROE STREET.

Paid Waldo Brothers, 400 ft. drain pipe, Monroe St.,		$42 48
N. Y. & N. E. RR., freight,	" "	6 80
Daniel Horigan, labor,	" "	41 75
Tyler Thayer, "	" "	5 75
George P. Morey, culvert stone,	" "	7 50

Robert Oldham, labor,	Monroe street,	$ 3 00
E. A. Morse, carting stone,	" "	15 50
		$122 78

No appropriation for drainage of Monroe street.

Railroad Avenue.

Paid Waldo Brothers, 60 ft. drain pipe,	Railroad Ave.,	$12 15
Whitney's Express,	" " "	1 50
E. A. Morse, laying	" " "	4 95
		$18 60

Cottage Street.

Paid E. A. Morse, carting stone and gravel,	Cottage St.,	32 13
Robert Oldham, labor,	" "	6 00
George P. Morey, culvert stone,	" "	15 00
Albert Dean, " "	" "	3 60
Tyler Thayer, labor,	" "	19 75
John Scannell, "	" "	12 42
		$88 90
Paid Joseph Morse, screening gravel,		13 00
Matthew Clay, rebuilding culvert,	Maple street,	10 01
J. W. Roby, sharpening tools,		9 98
Caleb Ellis, surveying Guild and Howard streets,		3 00
Morse & Whyte, 2 gravel screens,		16 00
Tyler Thayer, repairs on bridge,	Neponset street,	19 16
J. W. Roby, labor on Cemetery street,		5 29
		$76 44

Removing Snow.

Paid William C. Fisher, for removing snow,	1878,	$59 42
N. A. Johnson,	" " "	66 42
Albert L. Dean,	" " "	25 80
J. W. Roby,	" " "	67 40
George H. Morse,	" " "	47 50

Paid Sylvester Hawes,	for removing snow, 1878,	19 75
Lewis D. Ellis,	" " "	18 83
A. W. Phillips,	" " "	3 00
E. A. Morse,	" " 1879	26 72
John C. Pond,	" " "	18 40
George H. Morrill,	" " "	2 40
N. A. Johnson,	" " "	12 10
Sylvester Hawes,	" " "	3 90
George H. Morse,	" " "	5 25
William C. Fisher,	" " "	19 81
J. Edwin Hartshorn,	" " "	4 15
		$400 80

Appropriation, $500 00

RECAPITULATION OF HIGHWAYS.

Surveyors,	$1,839 64
Walpole street,	759 33
Nahatan "	1650 14
Howard "	224 50
Prospect "	217 81
Hill "	252 76
Mylod "	225 00
Miscellaneous expenditures,	306 72
Removing snow,	400 80
	$5,876 70

Total appropriations, $5,490 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON ENGINE, No. 1.

Paid F. A. Fales, for pay of men 1877–8,	$523 00
A. L. Dodge, supplies and care of engine,	45 12
L. W. Bigelow, "	2 07
M. E. Webb, "	3 14
E. Wheelock & Son, supplies,	9 14

Paid W. J. Wallace,	supplies and repairs,	$ 3 49
E. C. Stevens,	" "	4 85
Joseph Nickerson, rope,		3 87
A. C. Southworth, refreshments at filling reservoir,		6 00
F. A. Fales, for pay of men 9 months, to Feb 1, '79,		599 40
William J. Wallace, supplies,		1 52
Lewis P. Baker, care of house,		23 00
		$1,224 70

America Engine, No. 2.

Paid W. L. Morse, pay of men,	523 00
Sumner Bagley, care of house,	21 65
George H. Morse, repair of cellar wall,	1 25
L. W. Bigelow, insurance,	8 50
E. Wheelock & Son, supplies,	2 24
Moses E. Webb, "	2 00
A. C. Southworth, refreshments at filling reservoir,	6 00
W. L. Morse, pay of men 9 months, to Feb. 1, '79,	609 75
George F. Force, care of house and supplies,	24 53
	$1,198 92

Recapitulation.

Washington, No. 1,		$1,224 70
America, No. 2,		1,198 92
Engineers' pay, 21 months,		63 00
		$2,486 62
Appropriation,	$1,400 00	

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Tramps.

Paid A. C. Southworth, care of 2,843 tramps, 13 mos.,	$995 05
Sumner Bagley, care of tramps,	51 00
Joseph Roby, " "	9 00
	$1,055 50

Mrs. L. P. Lund.

Paid Peter S. Corbett, rent,	$73 00
Sidney E. Morse, rent 3 months,	21 00
Henry B. Baker, flour,	28 25
Cash for stove,	10 50
Willard Dean for milk,	44 33
William Fisher, flour,	27 25
M. E. Webb, groceries,	132 75
C. F. Everett, meat,	54 27
L. W. Bigelow, goods,	19 56
George H. Morse, wood and potatoes,	19 80
George E. Metcalf, coal,	16 55
J. E. Hartshorn, coal,	7 50
John Fiske, sawing wood,	5 00
Austin Boyden, sawing wood,	2 50
J. Horgan, shoes,	8 20
Frank A. Fales, meal,	50
	$470 96

Mrs. E. M. Pond.

Paid Lyman Smith's Sons, rent, 15 months,	$105 00
E. Wheelock & Son, groceries,	138 08
L. W. Bigelow, goods,	8 24
C. F. Everett, meat,	22 31
George E. Metcalf, coal,	43 21
N. B. White, milk,	10 29
J. E. Hartshorn,	9 75
E. C. Stevens, goods,	5 10
J. E. Everett, wood,	5 00
Mary Logan, care in sickness,	28 00
Margarite Fahy, care in sickness,	8 00
	$382 98

John A. Nudd.*

Paid H. B. Baker, rent,	$16 00
Mrs. C. G. Morse. rent,	3 00
	$19 00

Paid by the Town of Walpole.*

Joseph H. Baker.

Paid Peter Reidel, 22 3-7 weeks' board,	$112 10
George E. Metcalf, wood,	6 00
J. E. Hartshorn, coal,	7 50
M. E. Webb, groceries,	53 23
C. F. Everett, meat,	14 44
	$193 27

Benjamin D. Guild.

Paid A. C. Southworth, 13 months' board,	$253 94
L. W. Bigelow, goods,	1 00
James Jennesse, clothes,	2 75
J. Horgan, shoes,	1 15
	$258 84

Patrick Cotter.

Paid Mrs. John Morrissy, board,	$63 00
Patrick Cotter, Jr., "	47 50
H. C. Eddy, "	6 43
Dennis McCarty, "	24 00
L. W. Bigelow,	3 23
	$144 16

George V. Dean.

Paid Ira L. Moore, rent, 5 months,	$50 00
H. W. Tilton, " 6 "	27 00
J. E. Morse, removing goods,	7 00
H. B. Baker, groceries,	4 42
David Fisher, coal,	3 50
	$91 92

John Farrell.

Paid Frank A. Fales, flour,	$19 50
William Fisher, "	6 75
	$26 25

Mrs. Walter Hewes.*

Paid Ira L. Moore, rent, 2 months,	14 00
N. N. Sumner, funeral expenses,	16 00
D. S. Fogg, medical attendance,	3 00
	$33 00

* Paid by the Town of Bridgewater.

Mrs. Albert Ober and Daughter.

Paid D. F. Fuller, rent,	60 00
Town of Canton, as per bill,	167 71
	$229 71

Joseph L. Morse.

Paid John Nugent, rent, 14 months,	77 00
M. E. Webb, groceries,	32 50
C. F. Everett, meat,	5 51
William Fisher, groceries.	17 50
D. B. Farrington, goods,	5 29
	$137 80

Mrs. Johanna Fitzgerald.

Paid, H. B. Baker, groceries,	$20 63
William Fisher, "	28 00
George H. Morse, wood,	2 50
George E. Metcalf, coal,	8 80
	$59 93

Charles Fisher.*

Paid J. H. Boyden, care while sick,	$90 00
N. B. White, " "	6 00
Francis Tinker, " "	1 72
George B. Talbot, rent,	19 13
D. S. Fogg, medical attendance,	31 50
	$148 35

* To be paid by the Town of Dover.

State Reform School.

Paid board of James Morrissy, 67 weeks,	$67 00

City of Boston.

Aid to Eugene Phipps,	$6 53

George Talbot.

Paid Care of Joel Talbot, in full,	$7 00

Margarite Slattery.*

Paid D. S. Fogg, attendance,	$14 00

* Paid by the Town of Dedham.

Persons Having Military Settlements.

Paid Town of Dedham 1-5 of $378.50, being the cost of support of persons having military settlement in Dedham,	$75 70
Paid D. S. Fogg, professional service, 1½ years,	75 00

Recapitulation.

Paid resident poor,		$2,227 05
Settlement elsewhere,		214 35
Lodgings and meals for 2,843 tramps,		995 05
Working tramps,		60 00
Total payments,		$3496 45
Appropriation,	$2,800 00	

LIGHTING STREETS.

Paid D. P. Pond,	lighting	1	lamp	22	months,	$16 50
Harvey L. Hayford,	"	1	"	19	"	14 25
Albert Morse,	"	1	"	22	"	16 50
Tyler Thayer,	"	1	"	22	"	16 50
George H. Morse,	"	1	"	22	"	16 50
Samuel Howard,	"	1	"	12	"	9 00
Moses Rhoades,	"	1	"	22	"	16 50
Sumner Bagley,	"	1	"	22	"	16 50
George F. Force.	"	2	"	22	"	33 00
N. F. Ware.	"	1	"	22	"	16 50

Paid L. W. Bigelow,	lighting	1	lamp,	24	months,	$18 00
Lewis Day,	"	1	"	22	"	16 50
D. S. Fogg,	"	1	"	22	"	16 50
W. F. Baker,	"	1	"	12	"	9 00
C. E. Pond,	"	1	"	6	"	4 50
A. H. Thayer,	"	1	"	7	"	5 25
John Sample,	"	1	"	2	"	1 50
W. Metcalf,	"	1	"	4	"	3 00
Charles Walpur,	"	1	"	8	"	6 00
Henrietta Turner,	"	1	"	4	"	3 00
George G. Perry,	"	3	"	to Feb. 1,		28 13
						$283 13

STATE AID.

Paid Julia B. Hale,* $48 00

*Will be refunded by the State.

CARE OF CEMETERY.

Paid N. N. Sumner, $50 00

NEW CEMETERY.

Paid William Gay, for committee,* $2,800 00

*To be paid from funds on hand not raised by taxation.

LIBRARY.

Paid R. D. Hartshorn, rent for 1 year,	$75 00
Francis Tinker, care of library, 1¼ years,	156 25
Estes & Laureat, books,	59 26
Moses H. Sargent, "	64 88
H. T. Johnson, "	32 73
T. O. Metcalf & Co., printing,	8 00
	$396 12

Appropriation,	$300 00
Dog tax,	150 18
	$450 18

ADVERTISING, PRINTING, AND STATIONERY.

Paid T. O. Metcalf & Co.,	printing 600 Town and School Reports,	$80 00
" " "	Town warrants,	8 75
" " "	Voting lists,	15 00
" " "	Tramp tickets,	8 75
" " "	Tax bills and receipts,	6 00
" " "	Posters, notices, &c.,	24 00
L. W. Bigelow, stationery,		4 21
Charles K. Darling, "		3 15
H. T. Johnson, "		1 30
Francis Tinker, "		9 70
Postage Stamps,		2 98
		163 84

Appropriation, $150 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid George H. Metcalf, collector for 1877,	$150 00
C. Willis Morse, school committee, to Nov. 1, '78,	66 66
F. M. Cragin, " " to May 1, '78,	40 00
I. H. Gilbert, " " to Nov. 1, '78,	26 66
J. P. Bixby, on account "	35 00
S. E. Pond, services as selectman for 1877,	100 00
George H. Morse, " " "	225 00
Tyler Thayer, " " "	225 00
L. W. Bigelow, services as treas. 2 years, Mar. '79	150 00
Francis Tinker, " clerk,	75 00
Samuel Howard, " constable,	20 00
Sumner Bagley, " "	18 00
John Gillooly, " "	9 00
George Kingsbury, sealer of weights and measures,	12 00
J. W. Roby, police,	5 00
	$1,158 17

Appropriation, $1,400 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid C. Willis Morse, collecting names of children,	$20 00
Francis Tinker, recording births, deaths, and marriages,	25 15
N. N. Sumner, returning deaths for 1877,	6 00
T. L. Wakefield, professional services for 1876–7,	10 00
F. D. Ely, " " 1876–7,	9 00
Sumner Bagley, distributing reports,	6 50
L. W. Bigelow, use of Village Hall 2 years,	40 00
John Nugent, wood for selectmen's room,	6 00
Bogman & Vinal, 2 pairs of handcuffs,	8 00
E. C. Stevens, labor and material on reservoir, cor. Washington and Maple streets,	21 85
George E. Metcalf labor on same,	13 05
William Tobin, " "	2 25
N. Y. & N. E. RR. Co., for rails to cover reservoir, cor. Washington and Nahatan streets,	26 40
F. A. Fales, cement for same,	6 60
E. E. Shumway, iron cover for same,	6 00
T. Kerrissy, drawing stone and gravel for same,	19 00
George P. Morey, stone, "	37 12
William Gillooly and son, labor, "	21 35
John Nugent, drawing stone,	5 00
Joseph Morse, cleaning selectmen's room,	4 00
C. Willis Morse, surveying Guild street,	1 00
Extra police July 4th,	32 40
A. C. Southworth, boarding same,	5 50
R. D. Hartshorn, rent selectmen's room,	75 00
J. W. Talbot, maintaining watering-place,	7 50
C. F. Whitney, express and supplies,	13 35
Town of Dedham ½ expense of setting intermediate bounds,	4 75
M. E. Webb, 4 shovels,	4 70
E. Wheelock, basket for selectmen's room,	50
Tyler Thayer, setting bounds,	2 50
" tool box,	3 00

Paid Tyler Thayer, use of horse out of town,		4 90
George H. Morse, " "		10 50
		$458 87
Appropriation,	$500 00	

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount paid for schools,	$6,619 19
" " Highways,	5,876 70
" " Fire Department,	2,486 62
" " Support of poor,	3,496 45
" " Lighting streets,	283 13
" " State aid,	48 00
" " Care cemetery,	50 00
" " New "	2,800 00
" " Library,	396 12
" " Printing and stationery,	163 84
" " Town officers,	1,158 17
" " Miscellaneous,	458 87
	$23,837 09
Total amount of orders drawn,	23,837 09

The resources of the town applicable to the payment of expenses for the current year are:

Cash in treasury Feb. 1, 1879, as per auditors' acct.,	$3,113 51
Uncollected taxes, 1877–8,	2,819 12
	$5,114 57
Liabilities of the town Feb. 1, 1879,	1,000 00
Balance in favor of town,	$4,975 68

GEORGE H. METCALF, Collector, in account with the Town of Norwood.

Dr.

Taxes of 1877.

To balance of uncollected taxes as per last audit,		$2,565 78
" cash received as interest,		126 59
		$2,692 37

Cr.

By cash paid L. W. Bigelow, Treasurer,	$2437 00	
" balance uncollected taxes,	255 37	
		$2,692 37

Norwood, Jan. 31, 1879.

GEO. H. METCALF, Collector.

We certify that we have examined the books and accounts of George H. Metcalf, Collector of Taxes for 1877, and that the above is a correct statement of the balance of taxes committed to, and of payments made by him.

CHARLES E. POND,
MARCUS M. ALDEN, } *Auditors.*

L. W. BIGELOW, Treasurer, in account

1878. Dr.

Feb. 1,	To	cash in treasury,	$4,771 82
" 9,	"	balance of corporation tax for year 1877,	266 12
" 9,	"	balance of National Bank tax " "	107 28
Mar. 4,	"	interest on taxes for 1876 from Caleb Ellis,	8 35
" 21,	"	cash of Geo. H. Morse, for auctioneer's license for 1 year, ending Feb. 1879,	2 00
Apr. 30,	"	cash borrowed of John Pickering and Moseley,	2,000 00
May 11,	"	cash of Francis Tinker for license for H. R. Ellis, to keep billiard tables for 1 year ending with April 1879,	2 00
June 11,	"	cash borrowed of John Pickering and Moseley,	3,000 00
" "	"	amount drawn from Suffolk, School Street Five Cent, and Dedham Savings' Banks for purchase of cemetery,	2,000 00
Oct. 24,	"	cash borrowed of F. M. Baker,	700 00
Nov. 5,	"	cash of Caleb Ellis for a poll tax of 1876 that had been abated,	2 00
Dec. 10,	"	corporation tax,	182 69
" 10,	"	National Bank tax,	562 05
" 10,	"	State aid,	48 00
1879.			
Jan. 21,	To	cash received from Town of Walpole for house rent for John A. Nudd,	19 00
" 21	"	income of Mass. School Fund,	196 60
" 28,	"	cash of treasurer of Norfolk for dog license for 1878, (as provided by Chap. 250, Acts of '69),	101 27
" 40,	"	cash of Town of Dedham for amount paid for Mrs. Slattery,	14 00
" 31,	"	cash of Town of Bridgewater for burial expenses and house rent for W. Hewes,	33 60
" 31,	"	cash of Geo. H. Metcalf for uncollected taxes and interest on same for year '77,	2,437 00
" 31,	"	cash of Geo. H. Metcalf, collector, in part for taxes for year 1878,	16,500 00
" 31,	"	cash borrowed from the town treasury to defray expenses incurred in the fencing, &c., of new cemetery,	800 00
			$33,753 28

with Town of Norwood.

1878. Cr.

Dec. 3,	By cash paid John Pickering and Moseley,	$2,000	00
" 6,	" " " " "	3,000	00
" 6,	" interest " " "	106	46
" 10,	" State tax,	940	00
" 16,	" cash paid F. M. Baker,	700	00
" 16,	" interest paid F. M. Baker,	4	54
" 16,	" Selectmen's orders,	23,837	09
" 16,	" Assessors' orders for abatement,	51	68
		$30,639	77

1879.

Feb. 1,	By cash in treasury,	3,113	51
		$33,753	28

We hereby certify that we have examined the books and accounts of L. W. Bigelow, Treasurer of the Town of Norwood, and find them correctly kept, and the payments duly vouched; and that the foregoing is a true statement of the condition of the treasury the first day of February, 1879.

CHARLES E. POND, }
MARCUS M. ALDEN, } *Auditors.*

The Town of Norwood have on interest at the following institutions:

Dedham Institution for Savings,	$625	00
Mercantile Savings Institution,	620	84
One United States Bond,	1,000	00

The $800 borrowed of the treasury for use of cemetery is to be paid from the amount on deposit.

GEORGE H. METCALF, Collector, in account with the Town of Norwood.

Dr.

Taxes of 1878.

To commitment of taxes,	$20,445 44
Supplement tax,	43 05
Cash received as interest,	11 57
	$20,500 06

Cr.

By cash paid L. W. Bigelow,	$16,500 00
" C. C. Churchill,	1,393 26
	$17,893 26
By balance uncollected taxes,	2,606 80
	$20,500 06

Norwood, Jan. 31, 1879.

GEO. H. METCALF, Collector.

We certify that we have examined the books and accounts of George H. Metcalf, Collector, and that the above is a correct statement of taxes committed to, and of payments made by him.

CHARLES E. POND,
MARCUS M. ALDEN, } *Auditors.*

REMARKS.

We, the Selectmen of Norwood, present to the citizens the Seventh Annual Town Report for perusal, hoping it may meet with your approval. On the recommendation of a committee, chosen at the March meeting, for a more complete report of the town expenditures, we have brought the payments of the several departments to Feb. 1, 1879, and have drawn orders for the same, with the exception of the salaries of the Town Officers, that the town might make their appropriations from February to February, and thus have a complete report of each year's doings, instead of one that includes a part of two years. In doing this, it has made the payments in some departments larger than they would otherwise have been.

The expenditures in the School Department were increased by the fitting up of a room in the Everett School-house, at a cost of $253. The Janitor's bill also covers nearly two years, and the rent of Primary School-room one year and a half; in all, some $600 more than the ordinary expenses of a school year.

The general condition of our streets is good, and we know of no reason that there should be any unusual expenditures in this

department, except the widening of Guild street as ordered by the County Commissioners.

Our Fire Department is one of the most expensive luxuries which we as a town indulge in. This report covers the payment for twenty-one months instead of one year, the expenditures being less than they have been for the past years, as there have been but few fires during this time.

The report of the department for Support of Poor is *not* encouraging. The cry is, "Still they come." The humanity of our laws is such, that the unfortunate, the indigent, and the lazy alike call, and must be helped; and it has become quite "the thing" for people to live on the public bounty, as can be seen when we have to lodge and feed 2,843 in thirteen months; and as we have no other accommodations, have to provide for them at a hotel; this makes it very expensive for the town, and we recommend building a lock-up.

As required by the By-Laws, we submit the following estimates for the ordinary expenses of the town for the ensuing year:

For Schools,	$5,500 00
Repairs of highways and widening of Guild St.,	3,000 00
Removing snow,	500 00
Lighting streets,	250 00
Fire Department,	1,400 00
Support of poor,	3,000 00
Library,	300 00
Cemetery,	50 00
Town officers,	1,200 00
Printing and stationery,	150 00
Incidentals,	500 00
	$15,850 00

To this must be added the State and County Tax.

The payment of taxes at the present time is a great hardship for many people, and we hope that at the town meeting in March, when the appropriations are made, you will bear in mind *that it is what you vote to raise that makes your taxes.*

The estimates that we have given are, we think, complete, and perhaps might be reduced in some cases, which we leave to your judgment. Respectfully,

TYLER THAYER
GEORGE H. MORSE,
J. E. EVERETT,
} *Selectmen of Norwood.*

Vital Statistics of the Town of Norwood for the year 1878.

BIRTHS.

SONS.

Feb.	5,	Arthur Cecil Baker, Lewis P. and Julia I.
Mar.	3,	Lewis Edward Warner, } Lewis E. and Julia E.
"		Edward Lewis Warner, } Lewis E. and Julia E.
	11,	Francis O. Peterson, Geo. O. and Susan M.
	14,	Alton Morton Alden, Marcus M. and Francena A.
Apr.	21,	Waldo Winfield Roby, Joseph W. and Charlotte E.
	25,	Arthur Whittier, N. B. and Ellen.
May	6,	Lewis Edwin Edmunds, George W. S. and Alice L.
	17,	Lewis Blake Dexter, William and Eliza M.
July	1,	Louis J. Gilbert, Elson L. Gilbert and Bertha Kulp
	11,	Walter Edmunds Bailey, Francis E. and Lizzie F.
	24,	William James Casey, Patrick and Catharine.
	31,	Francis Edgar Timberlake, Melvin R. and Augusta.
Aug.	5,	Chauncy Burdett Davis, Stillman C. and Eva Z.
	26,	Ernest Francis Tinker, Charles F. O. and Annie E.
	27,	John Kerrisey, John and Julia Ann.
	28,	Alphonso Alfred Galagher, Frank P. and Margaret
Sept.	27,	Herbert Granville Dean, Henry W. and Sarah H.
Oct.	6,	John Murphy, James and Johanna.
	16,	John Andrew Welch, Patrick and Catherine.
Oct.	21,	John Francis Laue, Enos and Mary J.
	24,	George Harry O'Brien, George A. and Bridget A.
	24,	Thomas Patrick Donahue, Thomas and Mary A.
Nov.	10,	Martin Lyden, Martin and Bridget.
	18,	George Israel Bailey, Charles and Mary E.

DAUGHTERS.

Feb.	3,	Bernice Ethel Holmes, James F. and Mary M.
Apr.	9,	Maud Bromley, Rev. Edwin and Sarah E.
May	24,	Grace May Shackley, Charles H. and Sarah Jane.

June 15,	Margaret Feeney, Daniel and Margaret.
15,	Bernice Maud Guild, John W. and Annie M.
29,	Katie Bendel, Joseph and Catherine.
Aug. 2,	Catherine Nugent, John and Mary.
16,	Ruth Mitchell, Stanford and Emma Francis.
27,	Sarah Lucy Fisher, James A. and Sarah A.
30,	Lois Mitchell Shattuck, } Edmund J. and Emma L.
"	Louise Morrill Shattuck, } Edmund J. and Emma L.
Sept. 3,	Alice Mabel Turner, Francis W. and Effie A.
15,	Mary Ellen Fahy, Patrick and Bridget.
15,	Bertha Henrietta Ellis, Warren and Clara E.
Oct. 1,	Ellen Bayer, Jacob and Catherine E.
Oct. 1,	Annie Ellis Davis, James A. and Martha.
Nov. 11,	Gracie Lillian Folsom, Edwin J. and Lottie E.
21,	Mabel Fawn Hayford, Harvey L. and Ida M.
24,	Mary Frances Leonard, Michael and Bridget.
25,	Maud Alice Woods, Charles H. and Sarah M.
Dec. 1,	Carrie Ethel Howard, Milton H. and Ella A.
25,	Mary Frances Draper, Frank D. and Sarah K.

MARRIAGES.

Jan. 2,	By Rev. F. P. Hamblett, Isaac Colburn of Norwood, and Louisa Clapp of Walpole.
23,	By Rev. Theron Brown, Francis W. Preston and Emma A. Dimock, both of Stafford, Conn.
20,	By Rev. George Hill, Charles H. Woods and Sarah M. Day, both of Norwood.
Feb. 20,	By Rev. R. B. Van, Alexis B. Marcel of Norwood, and Sarah J. Bryant of Hyde Park.
Mar. 7,	By Rev. J. P. Bixby, Francis Doane of Cambridge, and Mrs. Henrietta A. Morrill of Norwood.
Apr. 21,	By Rev. D. J. O'Donovan, Morgan Curran and Bridget Curran, both of Norwood.
May 5,	By Rev. D. J. O'Donovan, Martin Curran and Margaret Leonard, both of Norwood.
May 7,	By Rev. D. J. O'Donovan, James C. Murphy and Catherine Tobin.
Aug. 15,	By Rev. I. H. Gilbert, James F. Boyden and Helen A. Shattuck, both of Norwood.

May 7, By Rev. D. J. O'Donovan, John Donovan of Boston, and Honora Hayes of Norwood.

9, By Rev. I. H. Gilbert, George H. Morrill, Jr. and May E. V. Gilbert, both of Norwood.

July 5, By Francis Tinker, Daniel C. Fairbanks and Alice J. Dean, both of Norwood.

9, By Rev. S. C. Beals, Charles E. Webb of Norwood, and Nellie C. Carroll of Dedham.

Aug. 14, By Rev. George Hill, Bernard F. Colburn and Maria E. Hartshorne, both of Norwood.

Oct. 20, By Rev. Mr. Crowningshield, Walter C. Gould and Annie J. Pratt, both of Norwood.

25, By Rev. J. P. Bixby, Isaac Miller and Annie J. Lipsett, both of Norwood.

Nov. 2, By Rev. J. P. Bixby, Charles J. Ellis and H. T. Johnson, both of Norwood.

14, By Rev. George Hill, Daniel J. Hersey of Boston, and Caroline E. Shapleigh of Norwood.

28, By Rev. L. E. Smith, William A. Williamson and Harriet E. Wallace, both of Norwood.

Dec. 10, By Rev. C. F. Dole, Frank T. Morrill of Norwood, and Annie R. French of Jamaica Plain.

20, By Rev. George Hill, Edgar L. Bigelow and Abbie A. White, both of Norwood.

24, By Rev. J. P. Bixby, Albert W. Metcalf and Mary N. Morse, both of Norwood.

25, By Rev. George Hill, Francis E. Everett and M. Agnes Pratt, both of Norwood.

DEATHS.

Jan. 3, Mr. Cram, instant death, railroad accident.

15, Mrs. Catherine S. Dean, 67 years, 10 months, 7 days, Enterilis Chronic.

23, Mrs. Emma Storm, 29 years, 10 months, Disease of Heart.

Feb. 17, Mr. Joel Talbot, 86 years, 5 months, Old Age.

Mar. 8, Mr. Patrick Hallissey, 33 years, Consumption.

Mar. 30, Mr. Job Worthington, 62 years, 9 months, 6 days, Diabetes.

Apr. 18, Mrs. Emeline Turner, 80 years, 8 months, 12 days, Gangrene.

May 19, Louis Edward Warner, 2 months, 21 days.

21, Joel M. Baker, 69 years, 8 months, 12 days.

24, Alton Morton Alden, 2 months, 10 days, Whooping Cough.

June 5, Mrs. Sarah Whitney, 81 years, 2 months, 14 days, Old Age.

July 19, Albert C. Johnson, 2 years, 5 months, 14 days, Dysentery.

29, Charles Kuld, 5 years, 9 months, Congestion of Brain

Aug. 4, Samuel E. Morrill, 1 year, 3 months, 8 days, Cholera Infantum.

6, Jeremiah Scannell, 18 years, 3 months, 23 days,

12, Hannah Nevil, 1 year, 4 days, Congestion of Brain.

22, Mrs. Isabella L. Roby, 29 years, 1 month, Consump.

23, Mrs. Margaret Collins, 68 years, Consumption.

25, Dea. Samuel Morrill, 74 years, 4 months, 21 days, Dysentery.

30, Mrs. Julia Horgan, 46 years, 9 months, Consumption.

Sept. 13, Mr. George Dickerson, 77 years, Disease of Heart.

11, Mr. John Friery, 54 years, Pneumonia.

Aug. 26, James J. Friery, 1 year, 15 days, Congestion of Brain.

Oct. 2, Mr. Jeremiah Collins, 28 years, Consumption.

13, Willard N. Ellis, 31 years, 8 months, 12 days, Congestion of Lungs.

19, Walter Hewes, 40 years, Apoplexy.

20, Fanny E. Baker, 19 years, 9 months, 21 days, Consumption.

26, Laura E. Howland, 2 years, 2 months, 11 days, Scarlatina.

Nov. 25, Patrick J. Tobin, 5 years, 5 months, 22 days, Scarlatina and croup.

Dec. 15, Mr. Richard D. Hartshorn, 67 years, 11 days, Bright's Disease.

Dec. 22, Edward P. Brennan, 1 year, 2 months, 1 day, Burned.

SIXTH REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF NORWOOD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1878.

INTRODUCTION.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Committee was organized for the year by the choice of Rev. J. P. Bixby, Chairman, and C. Willis Morse, Secretary. On the resignation of Rev. I. H. Gilbert, the Selectmen and School Committee elected Rev. Theron Brown to fill the vacancy, and on the resignation of Mr. Morse, Stillman C. Davis was elected, and appointed secretary.

OBJECTS SOUGHT IN THE SCHOOLS.

During the past three years the School Committee have sought to improve the schools by introducing the beginnings of a superintendency. The Committee-man is usually a critic, approving or disapproving what he witnesses, and removing the teacher if results do not come up to his standard. A Superintendent, while he is a critic, is also a helper; he gathers the teachers for mutual instruction; he teaches them what results can and ought to be realized, and points out the best methods of securing them. The amount of this kind of work done in Norwood has not been large, but it is in the right direction, and has done something to improve our schools. Effort also has been made in detail to improve the reading, writing, and arithmetic in the lower grades, and with some degree of success. The establishment of a high school, too, has been the aim of the Committee.

TEACHERS.

The corps of teachers has not been changed during the year. Most of these are Norwood's own daughters, and the writer is glad to say, after quite a large observation, that probably no town in the county has a better corps of teachers than Norwood; and when they have as good facilities as others, none will do better work. In fine, it is believed that the papers from the Norwood pupils, in the late County examination, will compare favorably with any town not having had superior opportunities. That there is diversity of gifts among these teachers,—that some are more enthusiastic than others, that some make more effort to improve themselves than others, and that some are better circumstanced than others, is true. But this may be said, all are doing well, and many are doing *uncommonly well.*

SUPERINTENDENCE.

This is needed throughout the State, and of course in Norwood. What has been gained during the past, will naturally be saved, and much greater improvement will be made if the schools of the town come under an intelligent, faithful, wise, and laborious Superintendent. The demand for better supervision is sounding loudly at present in the ears of our legislators. Whether or not supervision by Superintendents is made imperative by the present legislature, those municipalities will have the best schools that have the best supervision. The general examination now going on in Norfolk County, is proving by the results put upon paper, that graded schools, and those under good Superintendents, are yielding by far the best returns for the money expended upon them.

The statute of the Commonwealth at present, allows towns to unite and employ a Superintendent under the direction of the School Committee. If Canton and Norwood, for instance, would unite in such a superintendency, and Mr. Aldrich, now Superintendent in Canton, should labor in both towns, it would no doubt result most favorably to the schools of Norwood.

CHANGES IN SCHOOLS.

In July last, the Committee feeling the need of a High School, caused another room to be finished off in the Everett School-

house, with the design of gathering in it the nucleus of such a school. But the room occupied by the Railroad Avenue School was so unsuitable for school purposes, that they concluded to have that school occupy quarters in the Everett School-house.

The wisdom of that decision is seen in the better grading of that and other schools. The need of a High School continues and sometime, no doubt, one will be established. The thing to be regretted is, that so many generations of scholars must go out into life without its advantages.

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION.

The tendency of population has been from the country to the large towns and cities; and this has existed because better advantages, especially educational advantages, could there be enjoyed. So strong has been this tidal wave toward the larger municipalities, that an educational expert estimates that more than half of all the pupils in Massachusetts are to-day being educated in nineteen of her cities. If this tide is to be stayed, and if a town would catch some of the return wave now flowing from the cities, it must have, first, cheap house lots, and second, the best social, religious, and educational facilities. Norwood has an opportunity.

CONCLUSION.

The Committee, especially the Chairman, would render thanks to the teachers for attentiveness, patience, and laborious effort for the good of the schools; to parents and citizens for support and sympathy; and to the pupils for uniform courtesy. Especially are thanks due from us all to the Eternal and Supreme, for the means and opportunity of moulding immortal minds to the things that are high and holy. May the sons and daughters of Norwood in all time be pure and polished, cultivated and Christian,—the joy of the present and the hope of the future.

(Signed)

REV. J. P. BIXBY, *Chairman.*
STILLMAN C. DAVIS, *Secretary.*
REV. THERON BROWN.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

NORWOOD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Norwood Public Library in account with the Town of Norwood.

DR.

Feb 1, 1878, balance of appropriation,	$75 43

CR.

March 1, paid Librarian,	$62 50
T. O. Metcalf & Co., printing,	8 00
Balance of appropriation,	4 93
	$75 43

DR.

Balance of appropriation of 1877,	4 93
Appropriation March, 1878,	300 00
Appropriation, dog money,	150 18
	$455 11

CR.

For rent of room,	75 00
" rebinding books,	32 73
" cash for books,	153 84
" salary Librarian,	93 75
Balance of appropriation,	99 79
	$455 11
Balance of appropriation unexpended,	99 79

A little over 100 volumes have been added to the library by purchase during the year, besides some valuable statistical works received from our Representative in Congress, Hon. William Claflin, and from the National Bureau of Education at Washington, making the whole number of books belonging to the library, 2,600. 522 persons have drawn 12,952 volumes from the library, an average of 135 books for every library day during the year.

Some $40 are required annually for the rebinding and repairing of books; and one of the best precepts that can be instilled into the mind of the young is a sacred regard to right in the use of the property of others; that the wanton defacing of books with ink or pencil, marks darker and deeper lines upon their own character than those which they have made upon their sheets; and that it is a wrong to others, and a greater wrong to themselves even, to leave upon the pages of a book the impression of unwashed hands. "It is the little foxes that spoil the vines."

The trustees would repeat the suggestion of former years, that *Parents* and *Teachers* strive to impress upon the minds of the young the importance of reading such books as will benefit them in after life. What youth would not like to walk and converse with Washington, Franklin, Sumner, and other great men of our country? Their best and richest thoughts are in our library, and they can take them to their homes and make them their daily companions. It is said that "a man is known by the company he keeps;" and with equal truth it may be said, he is also known by the books he reads. Would the perusal of hunting and fishing stories have prepared Henry Wilson, a poor boy, for the Vice-Presidency of the United States? The history of his country was the text-book which he studied, and it opened for him the path to usefulness and honor. It is a duty which every youth owes to himself and others, to become familiar with the history of his country, its institutions and laws. Ample means are furnished by the town, and let it not be said that they are neglected or misimproved.

"In ancient Rome, every boy was required to learn the twelve tables," and can we ask less of our youth, who are soon to become law-makers and rulers, to acquaint themselves with the workings and principles of our government, and so be prepared to meet the duties and responsibilities of life, that those who may come after them "shall rise up and call them blessed."

Respectfully submitted for the trustees,

FRANCIS TINKER.